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Annaberg.

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1. On 28 June 1951, about 650 Soviet troops, who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, were engaged in field training at Poehlberg (hill) near Annaberg (N 51/k 73). On 2 July, combat patrols practiced with demolition charges under simulated combat conditions in the quarries at Poehlberg. Another major field exercise observed at Poehlberg on 4 July, involved not less than 1,000 troops with motor vehicles, including 6 sedans and 20 trucks, and numerous dogs. On 5 July, [REDACTED] in Annaberg: a large number of motor vehicles

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Aue

2. On 12 July, residents of Aue (N 51/k 23) stated that 250 soldiers were quartered in a four-story building at 27 Niederschlemaer Weg, Aue. A sentry in front of the building wore red-bordered green epaulets. (2)
3. Another four-story building at 47 Niederschlemaer Weg, Aue, was described by local residents as quartering 300 troops. A sentry seen there on 12 July wore red-bordered black epaulets.
4. According to local residents, a four-story barracks installation on Dr. Goerdelerstrasse was occupied by 650 troops on 12 July. The installation was guarded by soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets. The troops were said to be employed primarily for guard duty at installations of the Wismut Corporation.

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5. Aue residents stated that allegedly 1,200 troops were quartered in a newly built three-story barracks installation on the southeastern perimeter of Aue. The fenced billeting area contains further 15 buildings and a large dog kennel. A dressing plant of the Wismut Corporation was said to be also located there. The installation was heavily guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered red epaulets. (3)

Schwarzenberg.

6. On 12 July, it was learned from Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52) that about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets were quartered in the former Kutscher hardware factory opposite the railroad station. Sentries in front of the factory wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. (4)
7. Fifteen three-story prewar houses on either side of the road to Johanngeorgenstadt, which were near the newly built railroad bridge at Schwarzenberg and were individually fenced, were occupied by Soviet soldiers, some of whom had their families with them.
8. Administrative agencies of the Wismut Corporation were housed in the former Krauss factory on the northern exit of Schwarzenberg toward Annaberg. Except for a Soviet sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets, no military personnel were noticed on the factory premises on 7 July.

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Dresden.

10. Between 30 June and 6 July, the Bucher Kaserne in Dresden (N 52/F 29) was occupied by 800 to 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. An unusually large number of officers entered and left the installation. Ten MGB officers were seen passing through the barracks gate during one ten-minute period.
11. During the second half of June, the Luftkriegsschule in Dresden-Klotzsche quartered about 500 MGB troops who maintained a kennel of 30 to 40 dogs. A kitchen helper said that the Luftkriegsschule contained: five kitchens, each serving two companies; officers' club; and auditorium used as movie and classroom; a gymnasium and a swimming pool. (7)

Leipzig.

12. Military patients at the central hospital in Leipzig-Gohlis (N 52/E 21) between 17 and 24 June included one MGB Lieutenant Viktor Aleksandrovich Yegorov of Unit 70813, who wore crimson epaulets. (8)

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Zwickau

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13. On four days between 11 and 20 July, it was observed that the weaving mill on the northwest side of the Eckersbacherstrasse, Zwickau (N 51/K 34), east of the Mulde River, was guarded by sentries who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets.

[REDACTED] were repeatedly seen hauling troops with black-bordered red epaulets and ration supplies to the installation. Four units totaling 182 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived there from the direction of Scheffelstrasse on 13 July. (9)

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14. The Wismut Kaserne, formerly Infanterie Kaserne, on Werdauerstrasse, was occupied by civilian workers of the Wismut Corporation. Previous rumors that the installation would be vacated by the workers have not been substantiated. On the contrary, [REDACTED] the number of workers had increased because of the newly opened ore washing plant.

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(6) The information indicates no change in the occupation of the Bucher Kaserne. [REDACTED]

(7) The information indicates no change in the occupation of the Luftkriegs Schule, Dresden, by MGB personnel. See [REDACTED]

(8) [REDACTED] probably belongs to an MGB unit in Schwarzenberg.

(9) In previous reports, the weaving mill was referred to as Roth factory. [REDACTED] The installation probably houses an office of the Wismut Corporation.

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